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Information circular*

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Management

Subject: **United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology**

1. Pursuant to the United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT), established by the United States Department of Homeland Security effective 5 January 2004, foreign nationals travelling to the United States of America, other than those eligible under the Visa Waiver Program, are required to provide fingerprints and photographs upon arrival in or departure from the country.

2. The Office of the Legal Counsel has received assurances from the competent United States authorities that United Nations officials and their dependants holding G visas are exempt from the requirement to be fingerprinted or photographed.

3. Staff experiencing difficulties should contact the Office of the Legal Counsel for immediate assistance.

4. To the extent that the United States Special Registration Procedures for nationals of certain designated countries is no longer in effect, ST/IC/2003/15 is superseded by the present circular.

* The present circular will be in effect until further notice.

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